GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Elephant Corridors
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Kingdom based charity organisation, Elephant Family, is committed to setting up 100 elephant corridors in various States of the country in association with Wildlife Trust of India;
(b) whether the facilitation of movement of elephants through the corridors involves rehabilitation of the villagers living in the corridors and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) whether the 100 elephant corridors that the charity organisations wants to work on have been identified and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the consent and cooperation of the local populace have been enlisted for this project; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIORNMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (c) 101 elephant corridors in the country have been documented by the Wildlife Trust of India with assistance from State Forest Department of elephant range states. The United Kingdom based organization, Elephant Family, has partly funded ground-truthing of these corridors. In order to facilitate safe movement of elephants and to minimize human elephant conflicts, the Government encourages voluntary resettlement of people outside elephant corridors.

(d) & (e) No persons have been shifted out of elephant corridors without their consent.

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